

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3621**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Hein et al.  
 Appl. No.: 09/656,678  
 Filed: September 7, 2000  
 For: SYSTEM FOR ISSUE NOTIFICATION, PRIORITIZATION,  
 AND RESOLUTION AND ASSOCIATED METHOD

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

- This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) months to respond to the Office Action dated September 23, 2005.
- Applicant is ☐ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.
- Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

	Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
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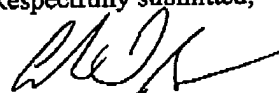
\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

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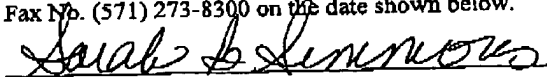
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